

DR. EGGLESTON'S ADDRESS.

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PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 3.—Special.—Dr. Joseph W. Eggleston, of Richmond, delivered to-night before A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans of this city a very interesting address, giving experiences in the artillery service. Dr. Eggleston was a sergeant in Lampkin's mortar battery, which gained considerable reputation during its service around Petersburg. Among the most striking features narrated by the speaker were the following:

"And now I will relate an incident which is so unusual that I fear that some of you will call it a romance of the Munchausen order. I can only hope that those who know me will not think so, if not from confidence in my veracity, at least because they will be sure I could not invent the story, from lack of ability. As an evidence to you that I could have no motive in inventing it, even if capable, I bear in mind that the heroes were then, as now, entire strangers to me.

AN INCIDENT AT FORT LAMPKIN.

"One night at Fort Lampkin, about half-past eleven, while we were firing slowly, trying to attract the attention of the enemy, and occasionally doing it as our orders required, a very large white horse, with a rider, and a pair of white dogs, came from the ravine in our immediate rear (just back of the Blanford grounds), which was then filled with bushes and small trees. One of them spoke to my brother, and stated that they were cavalry officers, and not having seen any mortar practice since they left West Point, were interested in our work, and had come out from their camp to look on. My brother gave them his name, but neither of the strangers gave his. One of them spoke of the other as 'the Colonel, a member of my staff,' so we took this officer for a general. He showed his appreciation of the compliment, and placed our arm of the service by warning the activity of the engagement, my brother said to me: 'Joe, try the railroad iron battery.' A very unbecoming order, for this battery was a 'very old horse,' and we were mortars, and, in addition, always opened on us with a six-gun rifle battery alongside. We called the Federal battery 'the railroad iron,' and the other, 'the old horse.' It appeared to have a protection of railroad iron over its guns. I was talking to 'the Colonel' when this order was given me, and turned only one mortal on the battery mentioned, and as soon as the order was given, I quietly changed to another point, as I had not been ordered to stir up the horns all night. The strangers observed themselves with the utmost apparent concern. I noticed that the order because it necessitated my doing more of that same thing than I would otherwise have considered at all necessary. I used judgment in directing the gun, and the other, 'the General,' was more comfortable. 'The General,' as we supposed the officer of superior rank to be, expressed great satisfaction with our work, and after a while asked who was on the front on the line. We told him that Hamsom's brigade occupied that part of the line. He then asked if it would be possible to go to the skirmish line and have a look around. We told him that we would do it, and he then directed him to go. Both officers then thanked us for our kindness and for the beautiful pyrotechnic display we had given them, and he then directed us to go to the infantry works, in the direction of the line, and we saw them no more.

"My brother had been a cavalryman the first summer of the war, and curious, as both of us were, to find out what the life was like, he made every inquiry he could among officers and men of this branch of the service, as opportunity offered to trace them, and the war closed without our getting a clue to their identity. In 1871 I met my brother and the first time since we parted in 1865. He asked me if I remembered the incident I have narrated, and told me he had the sequel.

THE SEQUEL LEARNED.

"He then informed me that some time about 1866 or 1867 he boarded a steamer at Cairo, Illinois, one night, on his way to Memphis. After a short sleep, he took up a newspaper and sat down to read, when a gentleman stepped up and politely apologized for the intrusion, asked if his name was not Eggleston, and said, 'I am your brother.' 'Did you not command a small force near the cemetery at Petersburg, containing two mortars?' inquired the stranger. 'I did,' replied my brother. 'The gentleman then asked my brother if he remembered the incident of the cavalry officers, dressed in white duck, visiting his fort one night during the siege of Petersburg, and was informed that the incident was well remembered. The stranger, who was the brother of the other, said, 'Well, said my brother, 'who are you?' 'I have always wanted to know.'"

"The gentleman gave his name—namely, that he was a brigadier-general, and that he was a member of the staff of the army, and his company were neither spies nor scouts, and but for their not being dressed in uniform would have surrendered to us of course, dressed as they were, in civilian dress, they would have been promptly hung as spies. He further explained that he had come from the very purpose stated to us—to witness the mortar firing—and from there had gone out to their skirmish line, some half a mile south of our position, and were walking along from pit to pit, talking to the men, and at last, to their surprise, found from the account of the men that they were within our lines. Discovering this, and casting about as to how they could escape, they concluded that they would be less likely to be questioned by men busy in the trenches than by those they might encounter not so engaged; so, after making a circuit to the rear, they came up to our little fort, where they saw we were engaged, and succeeding in their plan, they came to our skirmish line, and thence across to their own line, finding it easy in the darkness to slip over to their own men.

"The gap through which they entered. The gap in our works through which they wandered to our side of the lines, I suppose, was the one that existed for a while between Wise's and Elliott's brigades, near the position of the Davisson Battery, on the Baxter Road, and they probably lost their bearings from watching the fuses of the mortar shells crossing the sky. The general said he recognized my brother's voice when we were talking with the clerk, as everything connected with that night was burned into his memory."

"The address was heard with the strictest attention, and was much enjoyed by all who heard it. A prominent wholesale grocer here told me to-day that the wholesale grocery business in Petersburg for the year 1894 would amount to fully two million dollars. He said that the wholesale grocers had done a good business."

A well-known commission merchant of Petersburg informed The Times' correspondent to-day that very few pennons had been brought to Petersburg, and also that the farmers were not sending here for peanut sacks. He was of the opinion that a fair crop of "goobers" had been raised, but that the planters were holding them.

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Judge Drury A. Hinton, late of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia,

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Mrs. William R. Nichols gave a most delightful reception at her residence, on Union street, last night. In honor of her two daughters, Misses Lillian and Page Nichols, and Misses Nettie Preston and Nettie Pratt, of Lexington.

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Captain R. G. Pegram and Mr. Herbert Drewry, of Richmond, were in the city to-day.

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A gentleman from Washington, who formerly resided in Richmond, is here to-day, with a view of negotiating for a lease of the Hotel Brunswick, on Tabb street. This is the hotel formerly conducted by Mr. Ben Brown, now of Norfolk.

THE STATE CENTRAL HOSPITAL.

The executive committee of the State Central Hospital held its regular monthly meeting at the hospital to-day. Bills amounting to about \$1,000 were ordered to be paid.

Quite a large number of ladies and gentlemen went over from here this evening to attend the charity ball to-night at the Masonic Temple, in Richmond.

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NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 3.—Special.—Within the next fortnight the bark Lodine will sail from this port for Cadiz, Spain, with 120,000 staves, the first ever shipped by the American State and Company, of Newport News. The company, whose headquarters are in New York, is capitalizing at \$2,000,000. It is the largest one of the oldest stave firms in the United States. It has just fitted up commodious offices in one of the handsomest buildings in this city, and is arranging to ship large quantities of staves from here to Cadiz, Madrid, Barcelona, and other ports. Other vessels will follow the Lodine at regular intervals, and the industry, which will furnish regular employment for many men, is promised to be a very important one for Newport News. Most of the staves handled by the company at this point are shipped here from Georgia. They are inspected at the stave yard, in the suburbs of this city, before being exported. The value of this yard is valued at nearly \$50,000. Mr. E. T. Rosegrain has charge of the Newport News office for the American State and Company.

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Other reverses followed, and finally he plunged into Mexican bonds with his last million.

This venture was seemingly good, for Maximilian, with a formidable army of French troops, too, accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law. But misfortune only awaited him, for both Maximilian and General de Greville were shot. Thier, whole scheme fell, and he was plunged into poverty.

In Paris General de Thier made a great effort to recoup. He rented his chateau at Isabella of Spain, and sold his other possessions. But his misfortunes continued, and when he died, in 1874, there was almost nothing left of his once princely fortune.

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